

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

NL INDUSTRIES, INC., et al.,

Defendants,

and

CITY OF GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS,
LAFAYETTE H. HOCHULI, and
DANIEL M. McDOWELL,

Intervenor-Defendants.

C.A. No. 91-CV578-JLF

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NOTICE OF LODGING OF PROPOSED CONSENT
DECREE PENDING SOLICITATION OF PUBLIC
COMMENT BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Plaintiff, the United States of America, respectfully notifies the Court that the United States is lodging a proposed Consent Decree which if entered by this Court will resolve the United States' claims in this action against Defendant Southern Scrap Iron & Metal Company ("Southern").

The Court should not yet sign the Consent Decree. Instead, the proposed Consent Decree should remain lodged with the Court while the United States provides an opportunity for public comment as required by Section 122(d)(2) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. § 9622(d)(2), and the Department of Justice regulations codified at 28 C.F.R. § 50.7.

The Department will publish in the Federal Register a notice that the proposed Consent Decree has been lodged with the Court.

The notice will solicit public comment for a period of 30 days.
During the comment period, no action is required of the Court.

After the close of the comment period, the United States
will evaluate the comments received, if any, and advise the Court
as to whether the United States requests that the Consent Decree
be entered.

Respectfully submitted,

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